

For the last several months the government has been spending taxpayer dollars at a record pace. First, the Congress passed the trillion dollar "so-called" stimulus, then a pork-filled \$410 billion spending bill to continue to fund the federal government for the next seven months. Now President Obama is proposing a massive \$3.6 trillion budget for the next fiscal year. In the current fiscal year, the federal government will spend more than \$4 trillion or 28.5% of the economy--that is the highest level of government spending since World War II. Families are tightening their budgets and small businesses are cutting back. State and local governments are forgoing projects and reducing spending. The federal government needs to do the same. If families and businesses are making sacrifices why isn't the federal government? The President's spending proposal is SO large that some estimates indicate 250,000 bureaucrats may be needed to spend all the money. The course our government is currently on is like an out of control car on an icy highway. The potential outcome is obvious to any observer. This runaway spending will continue to hurt our economy and it must stop. We can't spend our way to better times.

